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Cinco de Mayo

Celebrations will be held today to commemorate the Battle of Puebla in which a small Mexican army defeated an overwhelming French force.

RSC elections grind to a halt

Code violations force recount

By Shawn Spring
el Don News Editor

Although the elections are over for the Santa Ana campus, they had to be re-held at the Orange Campus due to two violations of election code rules during the first vote.

Election code rule "J" states that a "voter must be properly registered by name and perm number before obtaining a ballot." ASG President Nate Durdella admitted that he neglected to get the proper registration at the time of the voting.

"I was in violation," said Durdella. "I just forgot to get it signed."

Also in violation was April Sauer, candidate for Freshman Senator at the Orange Campus. When a student scheduled to work the election table at that time did not show up, Sauer obtained the election materials and ran the table.

This conflict of interest, combined with the earlier incident involving Durdella, caused the previous voting to be invalidated. The new vote took place on Wednesday, May 3.

Other important codes that were observed by the candidates involved the location where the elections were held, the distancing of

**ASG CODE VIOLATIONS**

► **SECTION C:** No candidate for office shall have any connection to the Election Committee.

► **SECTION J:** The voter must sign the registration form so as to ensure all the votes counted are from valid students.

publicity from the site of the election box, and the eligibility of students to vote.

Only those students who have paid A.S. fees may participate in the school elections, and a valid I.D. card must be presented at the time ballots are cast. Measures also must be taken to ensure that no student votes more than once, to get the most accurate results. Students also must leave the voting area immediately after completing the voting process.

None of the candidates - including those who ran unopposed - were informed of the outcome until yesterday. Final results were

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Lights out for RSC security

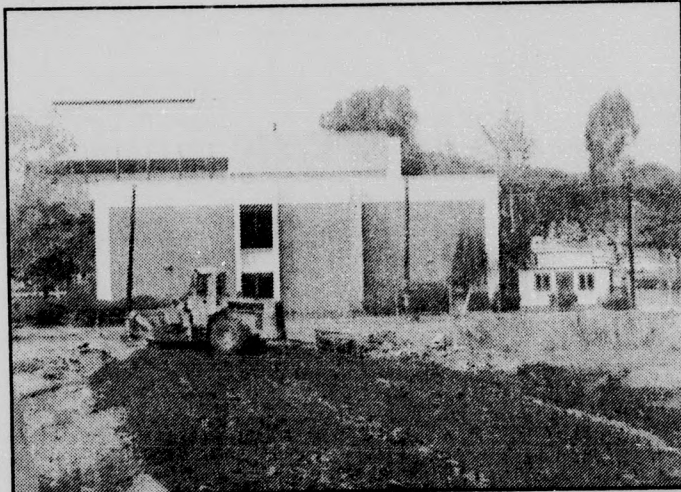
Funding error could mean personnel go without phones, power

By Monique Morgan
el Don Staff Writer

After construction is completed on RSC's Cesar Chavez Business and Computer Center, the new campus security headquarters located across from Russell Hall - which received \$691,000 to build its facility - may have to go without power or gas unless the district can come up with additional funds to finish the project.

Originally the two buildings were billed as separate entities but, as a result of the funding problems, the two were combined so security could receive the Chavez building's additional funds.

Last October the chancellor's office decided not to include funding for the security office and utilities as part of the 1995-96 fiscal year budget, thus creating a

**Cesar Chavez construction site**

lack of funds for the already \$13-million project.

District officials appealed the decision and won. The plans were subsequently sent to the Department of Finance, where it was rejected.

"We can get additional dollars through augmentation by sending the legislature a 20-day letter of intent,

which allows the advisory board to fund the project unless the legislature doesn't agree," said Bob Partridge, administrative dean of facilities planning and development at RSC.

However, if the advisory board decides to do so, the project can be funded whether or not the legislature supports it. But Partridge is sure the legislature intends to fund the project.

If funds aren't approved, the security office may not be used for as long as 18 months after its completion in mid-1996.

"It'll just mean a delay in moving in," said J.R. Johnson, head of district security at RSC.

"We'd survive, I guess. We'd like to get in, but those things happen," Johnson said.

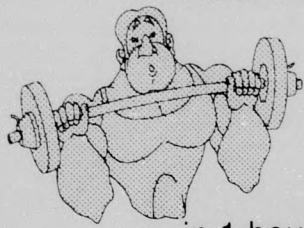
"If there's a little delay we'll deal with it. We're taking an optimistic view."

District officials would have to hold a hearing to appeal the legislature's decision, at which time district officials would invite senators and friends within the legislature to speak in favor of the project.

Campus / Briefly

Pumping it Up

A 39-year-old communications professor at California State University at Fresno, John Zelezny is a world-record holder, recently beating out fitness guru Jack LaLanne's 35-year-old record of 1,000 push-ups and chin-ups in 1 hour, 22 minutes.



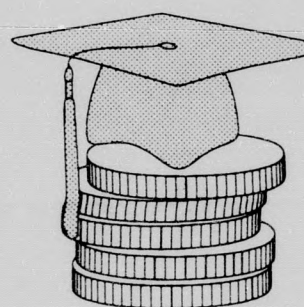
On March 28, Zelezny accomplished the task before a cheering crowd of elementary students in 1 hour, 17 minutes and 9 seconds.

The Fresno State instructor decided to tie his quest for the record to a local school's fitness week. Zelezny said, "It seemed like I should have some people there for inspiration."

Zelezny called LaLanne to let him know about his plans. "He was excited about it," says Zelezny of the man who set the original record when he was 45. "He told me that he was surprised I knew about it, since he had been offering money a few years back to anyone who could break it."

Penny for your Thoughts

Recently at the University Of Florida's cashier's office, Joshua Smith dumped 198 rolls



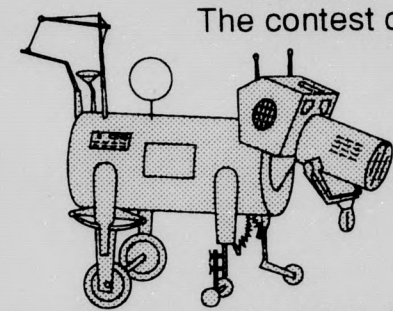
of pennies on the counter to pay for his last semester's tuition.

"I've always collected pennies as a hobby," Smith said. "I've always watched people throw them away."

At first the office would not accept the pennies, but after Smith spent 45 minutes labeling each roll, the office had a change of heart.

Building a Better Mousetrap

Students participated in the 8th annual National Rube Goldberg Machine Contest gathered at the Purdue University campus during the first weekend of April.



The contest challenges students to design

ridiculously complex machines to complete a simple task.

The Purdue team walked away with this year's top prize.

By playing off puns of radio part names, the "Gluttons for Pun-ishment" built a homemade contraption that turned on a radio after 39 steps.

- Compiled by Monique Morgan

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RSC students browse through hand-made items in preparation of today's Cinco de Mayo celebration which will be all day in the student quad.

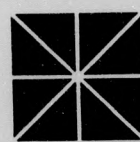
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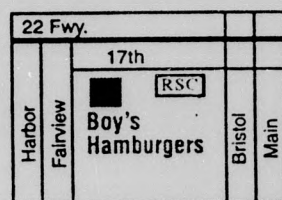


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Hard-Wired

Homework goes high-tech

By John W. Ellis IV
Special to The el Don

Students who used to log hours in the library to do research are now logging onto computers.

As more and more campuses are phasing into the interactive age, that's impacting the way some students do their homework.

"It makes research for many students much easier," said Myers, a graduate history student at the University of California at Los Angeles. "I use a program designed by the Smithsonian

to find historical visual images that I could otherwise only get by flying all over the place looking for rare books and collections."

Academic work that once took hours to complete in a library can take minutes in a computer lab.

Adrienne M. Petty, an American History student at Columbia University in New York, recently had an assignment where he had to search through old editions of the "Pennsylvania Gazette" on CD-ROM.

"It's a whole new way to use these old newspapers. It's all indexed, and

you can punch in a word and find 1,000 entries," Petty says. "It's much less time consuming than doing it manually. You can even download information on disks. It's totally revolutionary."

And studying for many students means not only reviewing class notes, but traveling the Internet, too.

Both Myers and Petty are members of various discussion groups that trade information, tips and sources via e-mail systems located at various universities connected to the Internet.

If racing around the world on the information superhighway is not

enough, professors are starting to download electronic texts onto students.

A computer program developed by McGraw-Hill lets professors customize printed text books by selecting the specific chapters and articles that a class will need.

"There's no waste involved with books that students only read a chapter or two from, and it makes text books cheaper," says John Bowen, an economics professor at Ripon College in Wisconsin. "The downside is that the books lose their marketability after the course is over."

VOTE:

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not available at press time. The voting is a Rancho Santiago Community College District matter. As such, students at the Orange Campus were able to vote for Santa Ana representatives, even if they have classes at only one campus. Although running unopposed helps in the election process, candidates still must receive 50 percent of the votes plus one to earn the position. Write-in votes were accepted at the time ballots were turned in.

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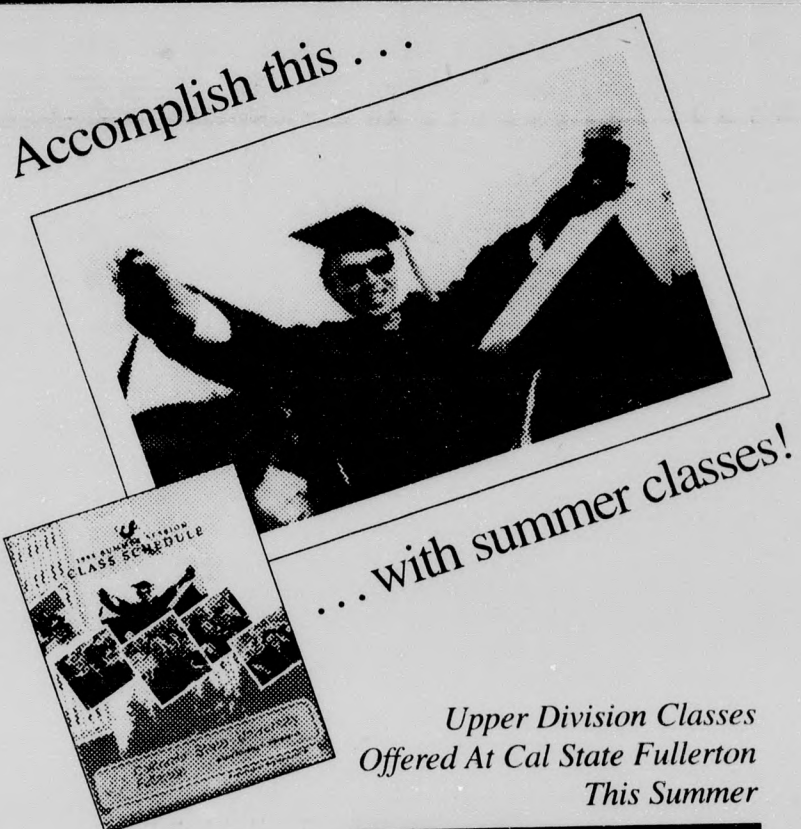
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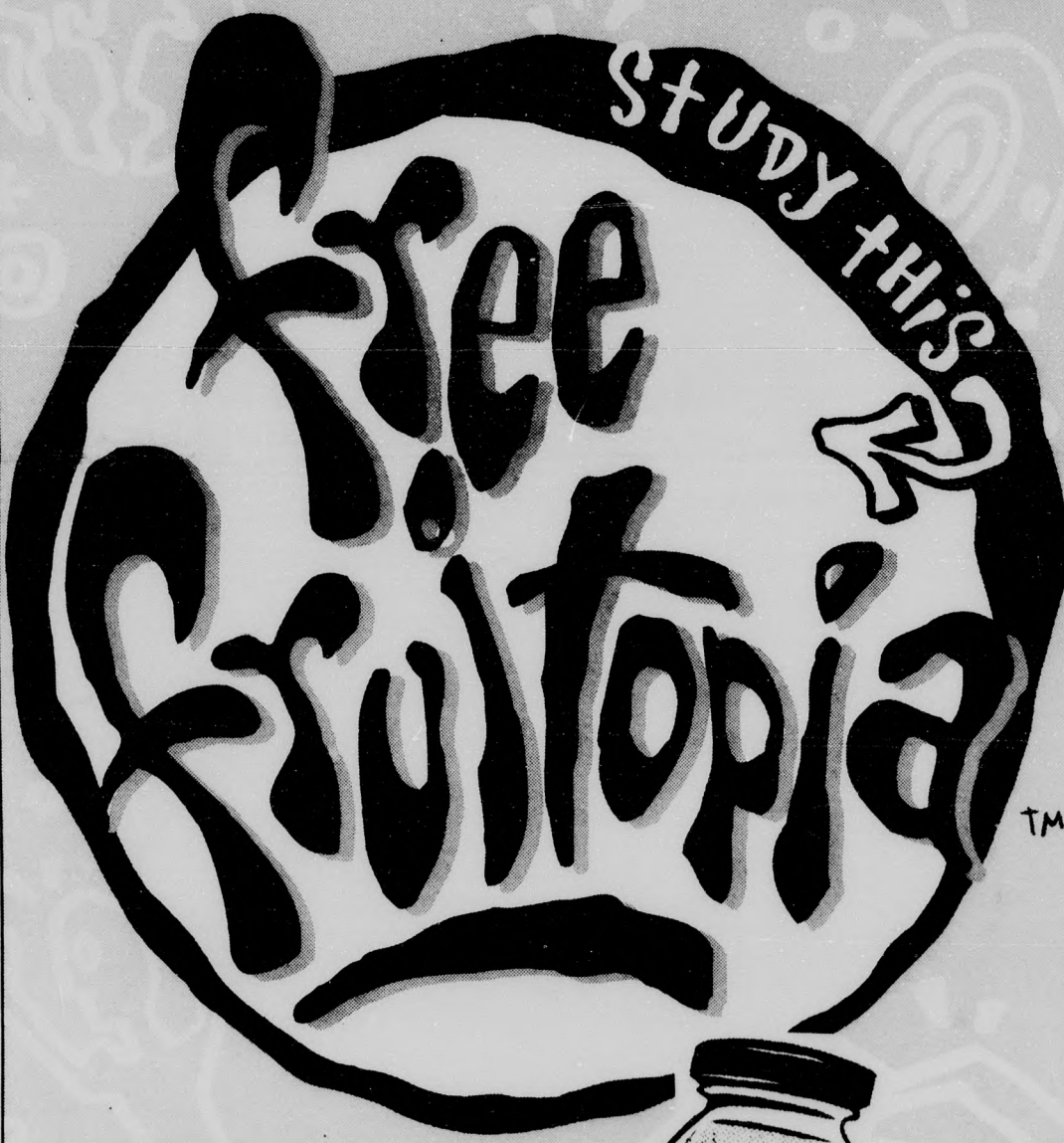
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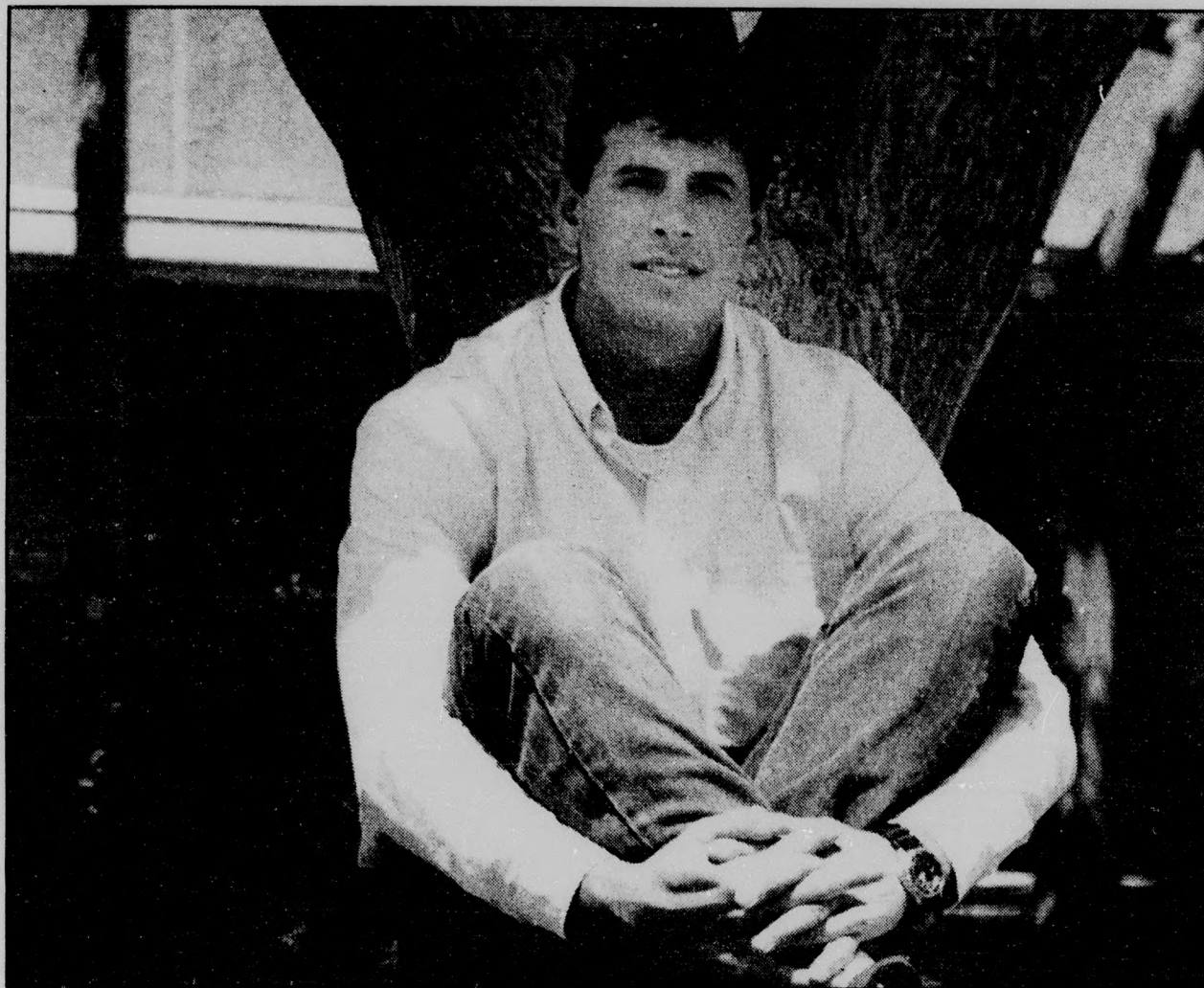
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THE *Learning* TREE

I grew up in West Bank city of Bethlehem in a Palestinian family. My family praised and valued education and encouraged all of my seven brothers and sisters to study hard and learn all that was possible.

I graduated from high school in 1987. My grades were good enough to enable me to attend the competitive university system available to Palestinian students. I was very happy to be able to continue my education and pursue my family's dream for me of obtaining a university education. My happiness did not last very long, in the same year the Israeli government closed all Palestinian universities in the West Bank and Gaza because they believed the universities were a source of support for the Intifada.

As a result of the closure I was not able to attend any university until 1991 when I was allowed to enroll in Jerusalem University, a Palestinian university in East Jerusalem. To help me support my education, I managed a pizza restaurant in West Jerusalem, owned by a Moroccan Jew. We developed a great relationship based on mutual trust and respect for each other.

During this time the Israeli government issued an order requiring a work and study permit to enter any part of Israel. Since I was living with my family in Bethlehem, five miles from Jerusalem, I had to cross the occupation checkpoint and needed a permit to attend school and work. Many times the government would close down the checkpoint and deny entry regardless of whether one had a permit or not. These random closures resulted in the disruption of my studies. When I could not get to Jerusalem to attend classes or work, I was often forced to drop classes and only managed to complete 41 credit hours in three years.

In 1994 the Israeli government tightened the conditions of entry even more for Palestinians living in West Bank and Gaza. They cut off all permits for young people, particularly young men. At 25, and unmarried, I fit the "profile" as a potential danger to the security of Israel. I lost my ability to attend school and lost my job, which was an important source of income for myself and my family. With this I joined thousands of young, law abiding Palestinians who were denied access to study and work, for the behavior of a few.

I grew very frustrated and angry. I had never done anything to threaten the security of Israel or the Israeli people, quite the contrary, I had a very good relationship with many Israelis and was considered a hard and honest worker and friend. But the law didn't allow for individuals. It did me no good to have responsible Israeli citizens vouch for my character, I was denied a work and study permit. To further complicate my feelings, I had always admired and respected the Israeli governments' treatment and concern for it's people. I had



An RSC student
from Palestine
struggles to
overcome
political hurdles
in search of
an education.

By Ra'id Faraj

always hoped a Palestinian government would emulate this behavior given the chance.

Despite all the difficulties I had encountered, I never really believed the "grass was greener" somewhere else. But sitting in my home in Bethlehem, with no job or opportunity to study, I became very frustrated and could not accept that I was going to be denied my legitimate right to study and work and build a future.

At the height of my frustration, an American student I had met in Jerusalem, offered to sponsor me to study in the United States. I had never thought of leaving Bethlehem, let alone traveling 10,000 miles away from home, but the offer seemed to be touched by God's hand, so with the blessing of my family I came to America to study at Rancho Santiago College.

In the three months since I first trod on American soil, I can say that this is the first three months of my life that I have tasted freedom. Before I came here, the only real freedom I had was the freedom of thought, as long as it did not leave my mind, even though my thoughts were in keeping with my basic human rights. Now for the first time I can walk in the street without the fear of getting stopped, searched or arrested. For the first time in my life I can go anywhere, anytime, without permission and without having to carry special permits or go through checkpoints. For the first time in my life I can choose the subject I want to study without restrictions or denial. For the first time in my life I can write freely concerning my feelings and ideas.

I am so grateful to be in the United States, where I can live and study in freedom. My experience here has been so positive. Everywhere I go I meet people who are open and good, regardless of race or culture. The staff at Rancho Santiago College, my professors and fellow students have been helpful and accepting. Members of the community have shown a genuine interest in my welfare and success.

For all of this I am so very and thankful, but I'm also sad. I'm sad because I have brothers and sisters, parents, relatives and friends who are deprived of these experiences and opportunities. I'm impressed by the fact that in this country people from all of the world, of different races, faiths and cultures can be together in one place and build such a free nation.

I know there is a lot of criticism about the lack of opportunity for all Americans, but compared to other places, understand how open this country is. I had to come here to really understand what I didn't have in my own land. This is what makes me the saddest. Why should I have to come here, thousands of miles from my family and friends in order to have this freedom, rather than being able to have it at home. I pray one day that justice, freedom and peace will prevail.

Jeff Oberle



Walking with the dead

Graveyards. Interesting places, full of bodies and dark eyed caretakers. Places for ghosts and spooks, places to bury our fallen.

A few nights ago, some friends and I did the graveyard thing - a late night of walking among the dead with only a bloated moon to guide us.

That eerie night showed me a few things about people and human nature. The biggest thing I noticed is how differently cultures treat their dead.

In the American section (Smith, Jones, etc...) weeds were overgrowing a large percentage of the nameplates. Some were half buried beneath the growths. Keep in mind, this was a "classy" local cemetery, not some rundown hole in the ground.

As we progressed in, the grass began to get longer, enough to soak our shoes with its collected dew. We had entered the Asian section.

Here we discovered that although the grass was long, each grave was meticulously cared for, with no stray weeds anywhere.

Another thing was the flowers. In the American section they were rare, about one in twenty graves had them. With the Asian graves, almost every other one had blooming decorations.

Why the differences? What's so contrasting about our cultures that we treat our dead so differently? Why is there so much respect among Asian burial grounds, while "Americans" treat theirs with little regard?

Absolute truth here: during our walk through the Asian section we saw a candle in the distance with huddled shapes around it. It might have been people or it might have been large flower arrangements around the flame, we weren't sure and we didn't stick around long enough to find out. (One of my friends went back the next day and said he saw a candle dish and nothing more.)

The point is, why is a candle burning in the middle of a cemetery at two in the morning? It's an example of sincere reverence, the kind American culture seems to be missing.

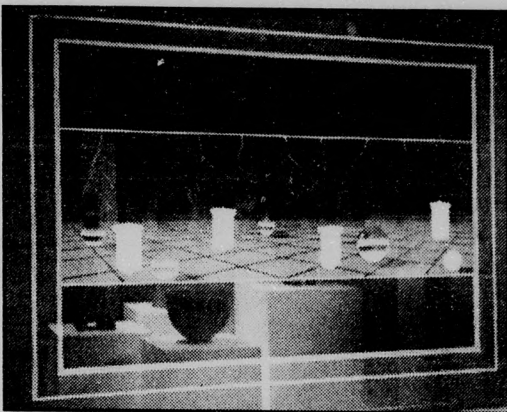
America has developed such a "fast food" attitude, that even people are disposable now. We honor our own circle of dead but look at everyone else's as "bodies." In many other cultures eternal reverence for the deceased is common, and it's a universal value to respect everyone else's dead.

By isolating our respects to our own, we ignore the lessons learned from so many other people. Respect for the fallen should be universal, not just directed at those we knew.

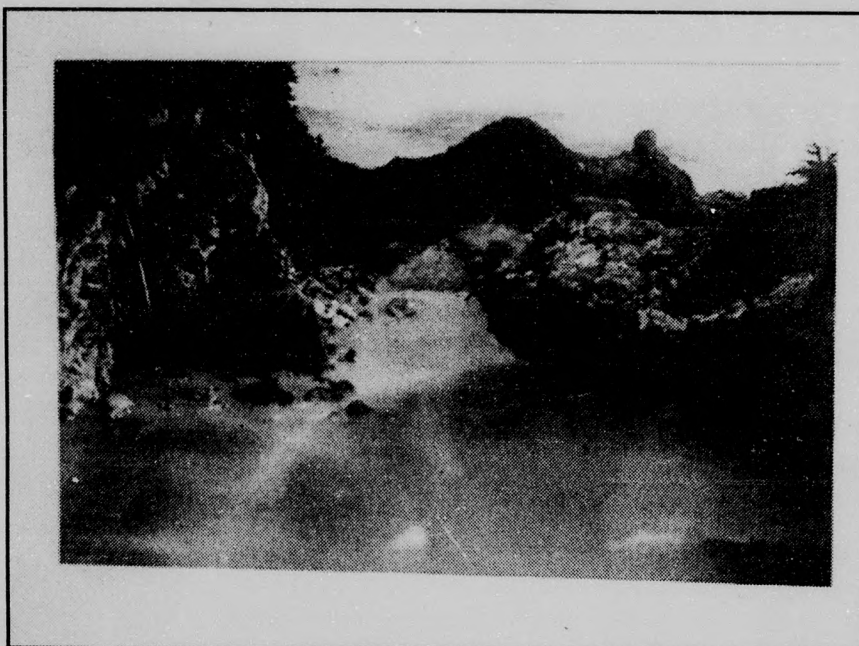
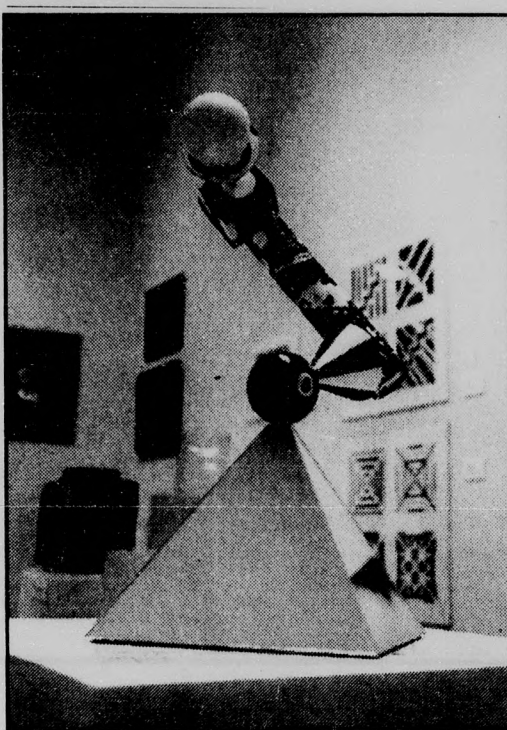
We often forget that these people had a lifetime of experiences just as real as our own. Once they're gone we forget them. We let weeds grow over our deceased - maybe it's a subconscious manifestation of a desire to forget the dead. Something to think about.

Jeff Oberle's column appears weekly in Style

Annual art, getting a start



The annual student art show contains a wide range of styles, enough to satisfy everyone's preferences.



RSC has developed a plan to acquire a new piece of art from the show each year, this years winner at left, is "A Working Person's Paradise," by Bob Hannemann.

Photos by Ali Stuart

Once again RSC's annual student art show has opened its doors. An ongoing tradition, the show has displayed Rancho's students art for over 25 years.

The show is made up using works from classes on both campus. "We try and have all the different kinds of classes represented," said Mayde Herberg, art teacher and director of the gallery.

With so many different styles, the show has art to satisfy everyone's tastes.

"It's a really outstanding show, faculty members and administrators outside of the Art's Department have said that they think it's one of the finest student shows that we've had. It gives a really nice overview of what's

taught in this department - what we're about," said Herberg.

A new twist this year comes from the College Foundation, which plans to begin acquiring one piece of art from the show each year.

Winners of the competition will have their art permanently displayed in the Administration Building. Later as more is collected, the art will be put into offices on both campus.

Running until May 16, the display is located in the Santa Ana Campus's Art Gallery, in the "C" building. It's open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Don't be greedy- be happy

A recent Associated Student Government Policy Recommendation for Shared Governance proposes student representatives of the senate government to be paid similar to classified senate representatives. It says "as a reflection of the importance of student participation, student government shall ensure a just monetary compensation of our student representatives by requesting the Institution provide these funds and other means as deemed appropriate."

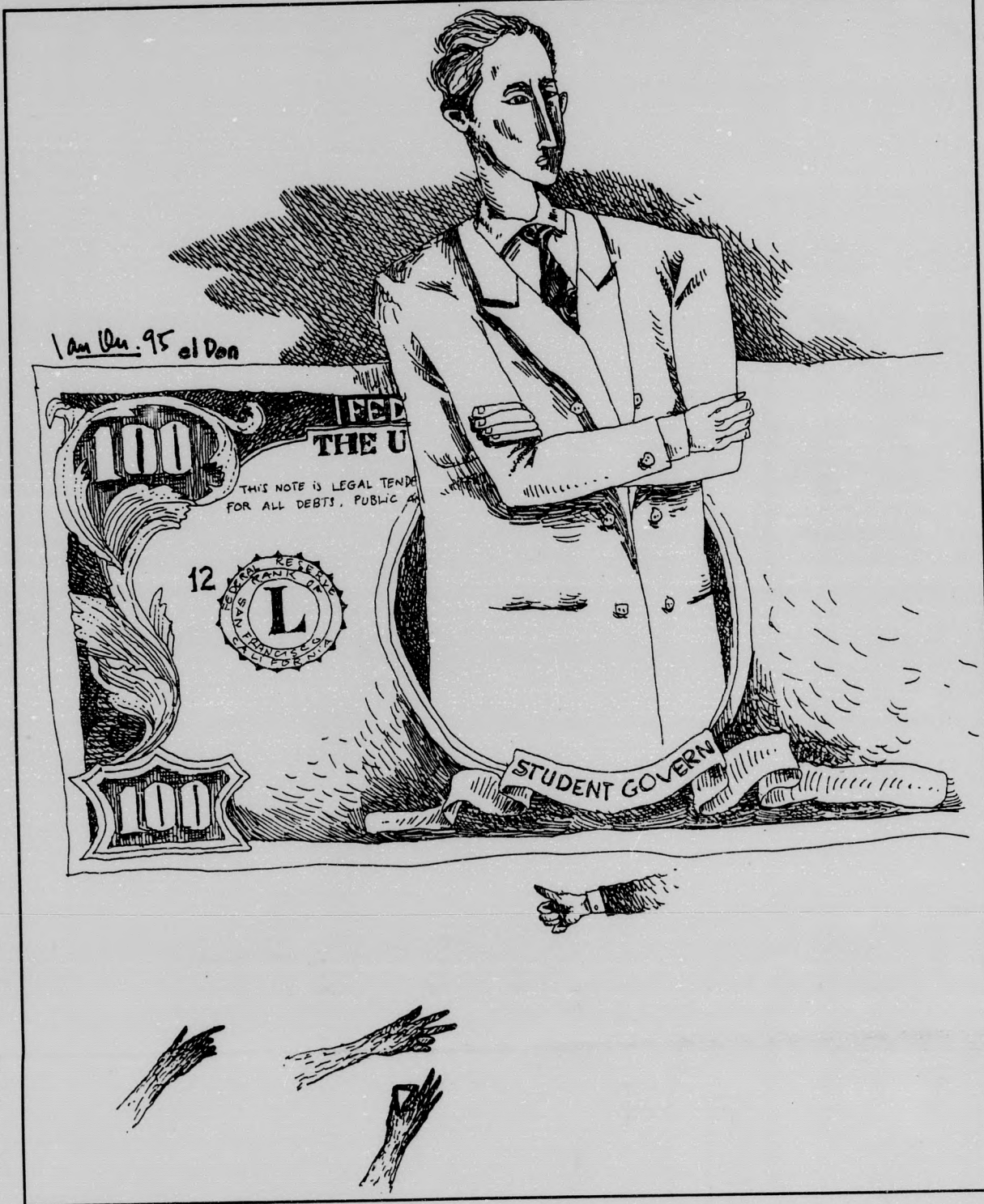
Having passed both senates, the proposed policy has to receive final approval by the Administration.

Student government officials volunteer to represent the students and the school that provides them with an education. How, then, can they expect to be paid for doing something they voluntarily chose to do? And if they get paid for their extracurricular activities, why shouldn't those students who elect to play for RSC's football team be paid also? Or how about the Theater Arts students who perform the many plays and dramas that RSC holds every year? Even the young men and women who work many hours to put out RSC's newspaper without accepting any kind of payment for their labors.

The politicians that run our cities, states, and our country get paid to do their jobs, it's true, but let's not forget: it is their job. It's not a class or an internship they chose to sign up for to get experience about the way government works.

All of the students at RSC put in huge amounts of time and effort to advance their careers and get an education. Does this mean they all should get paid for just coming to class? No.

What it means is we pay for the opportunity to learn and the knowledge we take with us is our "just compensation".



Staff Editorials

Supervisors dined on Citron's words

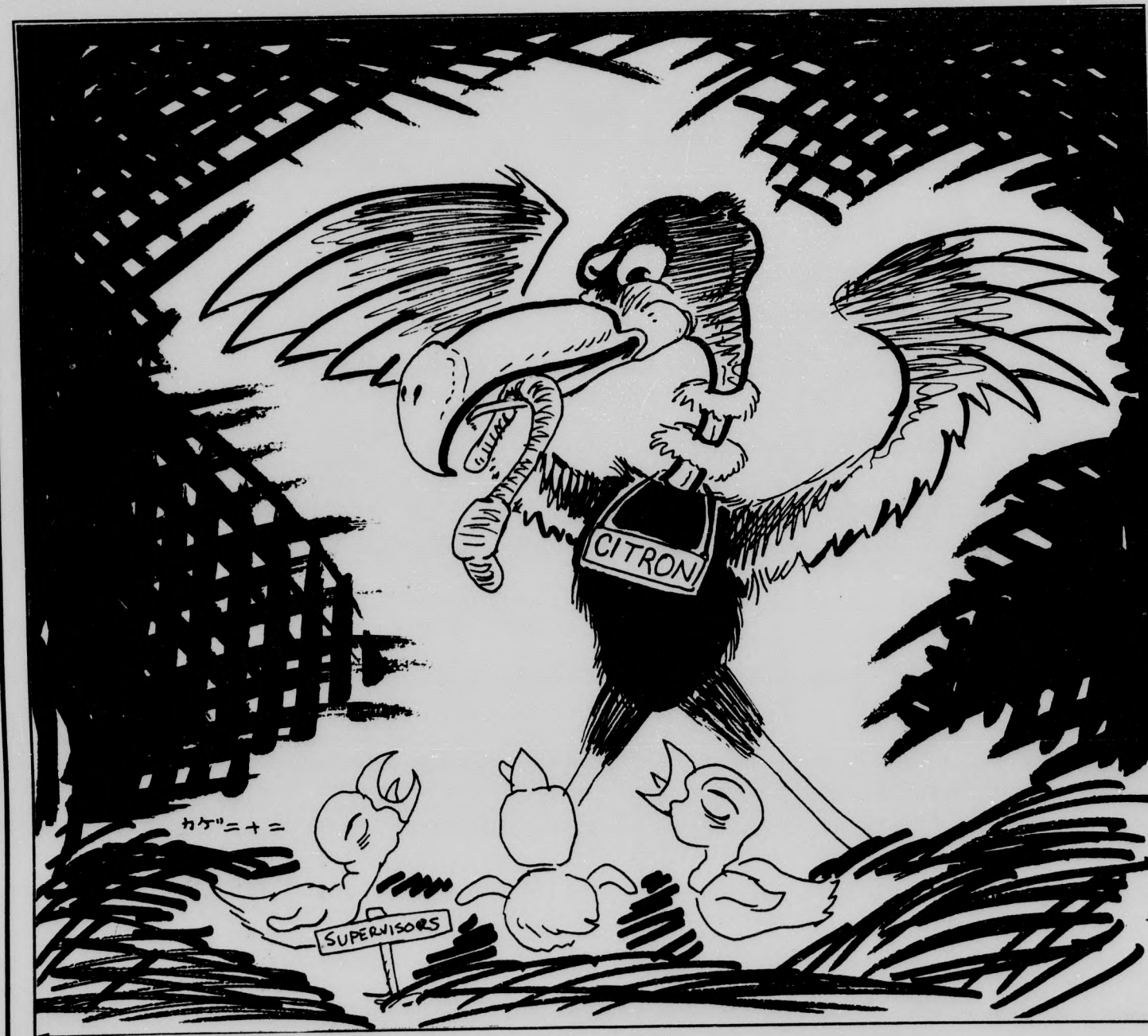
Admitting that he falsified documents, misappropriated funds and misled government agencies which led to the county filing bankruptcy, Robert Citron, the once respected treasurer, pleaded guilty April 27 to six felony counts. He is facing a maximum of 14 years in prison and \$10 million in fines.

For some people, the plea was a surprise given Citron had denied any wrong-doing and didn't benefit personally from the crimes.

It is not surprising that Citron, a man of seventy years, does not want himself or his wife to go through an O.J. type trial.

However, what is surprising is once again the Board of Supervisors are backing away from their role in the fiasco. The supervisors have regarded Citron's plea as a victory for them. They feel they are vindicated from any responsibility.

Wrong! The board responsibility was to watch over the county and its employees. It didn't. They just ate what Citron fed to them. They didn't look to see what they were eating.



Sports

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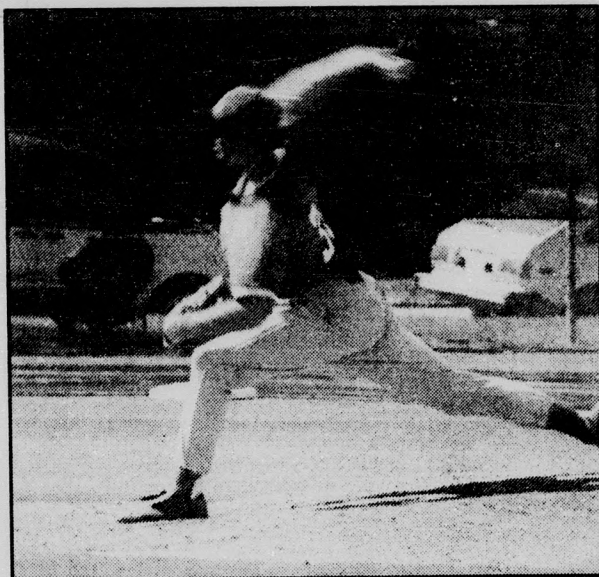


Dons dethrone Cypress

Extra Innings...

Daniel Arreola

Going for the jam



Armando Mugica/el Don Photo

Josh Egan gets ready to retire another Charger.

TOP: Craig Freeman dives back to first on an attempted pickoff move against Cypress.

By Daniel Arreola
el Don Staff Writer

RSC assured themselves of at least a tie for the conference title Tuesday, prevailing 10-8 over Cypress.

The Dons (33-9, 17-6) lead over Cypress (30-11, 15-7) in the Orange Empire Conference standings increase to a game and a half because of the Charger demise.

"We've done something that we're real proud of," said Coach Don Sneddon. "We came from last to first and that's never been done in the history of this league. So we've done that and shown a little bit of character on that."

On the day prior to the game, one could tell by walking by the baseball office behind the center field fence at the RSC Baseball Complex that the Dons would garner support for the big matchup. The message taped to the door of the office read, "GO DONS BEAT CYPRESS- BE THE CHAMPION."

Rancho did indeed get that backing with its contingent filling the bleachers as well as Cypress'.

The contest had the look of two heavyweights slugging it out from bell to bell.

Cypress ambushed Don starter Kirk Irvine, touching him for four runs in three innings.

In the bottom of the third, Rancho finally figured out Charger right-hander Mike Cosgrove by slashing the Cypress lead to 4-3. David Mallas started it off with a single to left. He was driven in by the next batter, Brian Carlson who tripled for the first run. With one away, Kyle Evans brought in Carlson with a base hit. Ryan Fullerton continued the hit parade with a flare to left and cruising to second was Evans. Keith Cowley then shot one up the middle to drive in Evans with two batters retired. Toby Sanchez ended the rally by striking out on a pitch on the outside corner.

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As every hoops fan knows, the NBA playoffs are well underway and it appears that a certain team might make an early exit for the second consecutive season. I'll give you hint: the city they play in is known as the grunge capital of the world and it's known for smelling like Teen Spirit. Okay, it's the Seattle not-so SuperSonics who as of Wednesday, are on the verge of bowing out to the Los Angeles Lakers. The purple and gold have done well in keeping garrulous Gary Payton and the other Sonics from getting under their skin. If the Lakers succeed against the trash talkers from the Northwest, don't be surprised if the Lake Show continues past its expected course and put the trash where the Sonics' mouths are. To make this possible, Cedric Ceballos must continue scoring the way he did in Games Two and Three.

The biggest mismatch of the First Round has to be Boston and Orlando. Shaquille O'Neal and the hoopsters from the Magic Kingdom should have pulverized the Celtics in Game Two. The Magic got upset by Boston on Sunday because they could not shoot free throws. Orlando is not the only team having problems. The New York Bricks, excuse me, Knicks cannot get any shots to sink through the net against Cleveland. If for some strange reason Orlando and New York choke, the only hope left for the East would be Indiana and Chicago.

DONS SOFTBALL

Rancho softball stands alone at No. 1

By Steve Castaneda
el Don Editor in Chief

As the dust settled over RSC's softball field, dripping wet and covered in what was to be victory cake, Dons head coach Kim Nutter smiled knowing that for the first time since 1987 her team had a chance of clinching the Orange Empire Conference title.

And what was considered a chance became reality as Cypress, who was tied with RSC for the OEC title, fell to third-place Fullerton.

In only her fourth season, coach Nutter received her first conference title Monday as the Dons (19-2 conference, 29-10 over-

all) rolled over last place Irvine Valley (3-18 conference, 5-22 overall).

Pre-game ceremonies honoring the Dons super sophomores, which were playing their last regular season game in an RSC uniform, was much more exciting to watch than Irvine Valley's efforts on the field.

Irvine Valley's offense consisted of four hits off Dons starting pitcher Melody Robles.

The Lasers defense was no better, allowing Christina Mazurie to score in the bottom of the first as Irvine Valley's third baseman Mindy Cook committed her team's second error.

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ONE HUNDRED HITS Ali Stuart/el Don Photo Christina Mazurie breaks the century mark in base hits as the Dons defeat Irvine Valley 9-0.



Ali Stuart/el Don Photo

Rancho softball celebrated its last regular season home game with a tribute to this seasons outstanding sophomore players.

FIRST: RSC clinches softball title

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The Dons toyed with the Lasers throughout the second and third innings not giving their competition an edge while at the same time having fun in their last regular season home game.

Rancho's offensive power was just as impressive as their stone wall defense, scoring a run in both the bottom of the second and third.

A gift base hit in the top of the fourth gave Irvine Valley a false sense of hope as Robles went on to retire the next three batters.

Fourteen RSC batters faced the decaying Irvine Valley defense in the bottom of the fourth inning which allowed six runs and put the game out of the Lasers reach.

Mazurie had two hits including a double, scored two runs and drove in two becoming the first RSC softball player to get 100 career hits.

Sophomore Renee Taylor hit her nineteenth double which broke the previous single season school record.

With the mercy rule in effect, Rancho went on to defeat the Lasers after four and a half innings 9-0.

TITLE: Dons go from last to first, capture sixth title

"We've done something that we're proud of. We came from last to first and that's never been done in the history of this league."

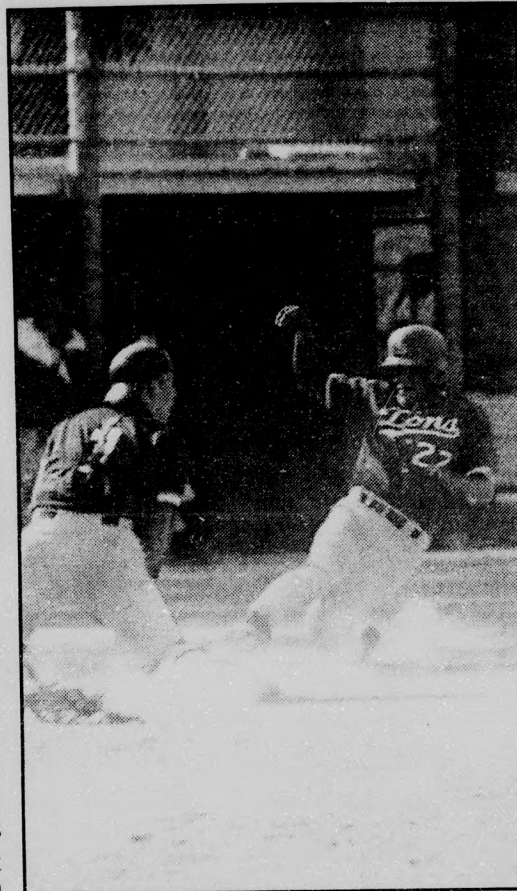
**Dons Head Coach
Don Sneddon**

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The top of the fifth saw Irvine getting yanked with no outs for middle reliever Josh Egan after squandering six runs on 10 hits. At this point, the Dons were trailing 6-5. Cypress went down in order as did RSC in that inning.

By the latter part of the sixth, the Dons knocked out reliever Andy Smith who took over for Cosgrove. RSC left fielder Chad Henderson contributed by parachuting a single to right which brought in erstwhile Don Ara Petrosian (4-2). He walked Mallas and Carlson followed with an infield single. Henderson reached home when Tony Zuniga hit into a force play. Frustrated with his pitching, Petrosian deliberately stung Evans, thinking he would pour more salt on the Charger wounds. With the bases loaded, catcher Jamie Estrada cashed in with a single that allowed Carlson and Zuniga to score.

With Cypress down 10-6 in the top of the sixth, Egan gave up a two-run homer to Mark



Armando Mugica/el Don Photo

Shortstop Tony Zuniga slides home for a run in the Dons victory over Cypress.

Selway with two out to cut the deficit to 10-8. Randy Wilson replaced Egan and struck out Mario Oipari for the final out.

"Coach is always talking about the bell ringing and guys stepping up and with Marty (Brian Martineau) breaking his hand, somebody had to step up," said Egan. "So I had to step up when Kirk couldn't. I tried to step up there and the bell was ringing, so I had to answer," added Egan.

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| 1 tsp Worcestershire (if you like) | 1 tsp salt |

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